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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS TREATMENT OF MIDDLE EAST WAR

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1. CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS COVERAGE OF ME OCTOBER 19 AND 20 HAS CONCENTRATED ON BLAMING ISRAEL AND PLAYED DOWN QUESTION OF US ROLE. FULL-PAGE SPREAD IN OCTOBER 20 "RUDE PRAVO", CLAIMING TO DOCUMENTS WRONGS DONE BY ZIONISTS SINCE 1917, EVEN COMPARES 1948 ISRAELI DESTRUCTION OF DEIR JASIN WITH NAZI DESTRUCTION OF LIDICE. REPORTAGE ON CURRENT SITUATION IN OCTOBER 20 PRESS DESCRIBES HEAVY FIGHTING ON BOTH GOLAN AND SINAI FRONTS BUT ADMITS THAT SITUATION ON SINAI IS "CRITICAL".

2. DESPATCH FROM DAMASCUS VY VACLAV JILEK IN OCTOBER 20 "RUDE PRAVO" REPORTS TALK WITH AHMED ISKANDER, DESCRIBED AS EDITOR OF "AL SAOUR" AND INTIMATE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT ASAD. ISKANDER IS QUOTED AS SAYING "NO MATTER

WHAT LOSSES AND VICTIMS, WE WILL NOT STOP FIGHTING UNTIL WE
FREE ALL OUR STOLEN LAND ... FOR FIRST TIME WE HAVE CHANCE
TO SHOW WE KNOW HOW TO FIGHT ... NO ARAB WILL EVER FORGET AMERICAN
STAND TOWARDS ARABS ... OR HELP OUR FRIENDS FROM SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES ARE GIVING US."

3. DURING CALL ON MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
ZANTOVSKY OCTOBER 19, DCM CALLED ATTENTION TO POISONOUS
"RUDE PRAVO" COMMENTARY (REFTEL) CHARGING US PILOTS FLYING IN
MIDDLE EAST. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS HAD BEEN CATEGORICALLY
DENIED BY USG, AND REMARKED THAT THIS TYPE OF PRESS COVERAGE
WAS NOT HELPFUL TO CURRENT EFFORT TO IMPROVE
BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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